

The Bloomfield Record.

Miscellaneous.

Grayson's Walk Around the World.

One of the greatest pedestrian feats ever undertaken, probably, is announced to begin on April 3. Mark Grayson, somewhat known as an actor, author and pedestrian, will undertake to walk round the world in 600 days. The wager is \$25,000, between Leon Macarte and Louis M. Grayson for, and John P. Wilkinson and Thomas L. March against a successful termination. Under the terms of the agreement, Grayson is to start from the City Hall in New York on Saturday, April 3, 1875, and to return to the same place on Thursday, November 23, 1876. The distance included in the entire route is 19,230 miles, which will require from him a daily walk of a little over thirty miles. A large part of the trip, of course, will be on ocean steamers, during which he will make up his daily average by walking on shipboard. Should he fall short of making his daily average on shipboard, for any reason, he will make it up on land. The route of his walk is as follows: From New York to Liverpool by water; thence to Havre, passing through Manchester, Sheffield and London; from Havre he will walk through France to Lyons; thence, passing through Genoa, Florence, Rome and Naples, he will go to Constantinople; from there, crossing the Bosphorus, he will walk through the intervening countries to India; then to Canton and Hong Kong, China; at Hong Kong he will take ship to the Philippine Isles; thence to New Guinea, Australia, the Sandwich Islands, San Francisco. The walk across the continent will finish the undertaking. The total number of miles he is to walk by land is computed at 15,712 miles, and by water 12,935 miles. Grayson is twenty-eight years of age, five feet seven inches high, and weighs 139 pounds. He has been in active training since February 15, at Wilmington, Delaware.

Patches in the Wrong Place.

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"Understand the business?"

"Yes, been in it for years."

Whom had he lived with last? The applicant mentioned a gentleman the merchant was well acquainted with, stated that he left for no fault, but that his former employer was going to Europe and had sold his estate and had no further use for him.

"What wages do you expect?"

"Eighteen dollars a month."

This was astonishingly low for such a promising looking, sober man, and the shrewd business man rubbed his chin thoughtfully, and reflected that it was a bargain lot, but wasn't there something wrong about it? His habitual business caution, even in this comparatively trifling negotiation did not forsake him.

"Call to-morrow at this time, and I will have seen Mr. — your former employer, and give you an answer."

The gardener turned and began to walk slowly away; as he did so he displayed two patches in the seat of his pantaloons beneath the line of his round about jacket.

"Hallo! here! come back here," called the merchant; "you needn't apply to-morrow; I see I shan't want you."

The astonished applicant stammered out something about his knowledge of gardening and good character, but was cut off sharp by his practical observation.

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